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**VITAL STATISTICS OF TOWNS IN CEYLON IN THE
MONTH OF AUGUST, 1908.**

REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL.

THIS report deals with the Vital Statistics of the several towns of the Island proclaimed under sections 31 to 36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895. The Registrars of these towns are qualified medical men. No death occurring there is registered unless the cause is ascertained by the Registrar's personal inspection of the deceased, or certified by a qualified medical man in attendance on the deceased, and no dead body is buried or cremated without registration being effected. This system was commenced on January 1, 1893, in the town of Colombo, under the Ordinance No. 20 of 1891, and has been gradually extended till it now embraces 31 towns.

2. Table I. in the Appendix shows the population at the last decennial Census of 1901, and the present estimated population and the births and deaths registered during the month, their rates, and the infantile mortality in each town, with mean temperature and rainfall of each town.

3. Table III. gives similar information as regards each ward in the Colombo Municipality.

4. The estimated population of the 31 towns is 476,265, or more than one-ninth of the total population of the Island. The population of Colombo (180,262) is a little less than two-thirds of the population of all the other towns taken together (296,003).

Births.

5. The births registered in the 31 towns during the month numbered 1,103—of which 543 were of males and 560 of females—and corresponded to an annual birth-rate per 1,000 of 27·92, as against 27·54 during the preceding month. Of the towns (excluding Vavuniya and Lunugala, which have a population under 1,000), the highest birth-rate was observed in Hambantota (50·22) and the lowest in Kegalla (9·18). In the other towns the birth-rate ranged from 43·42 in Kalpitiya, 42·81 in Jaffna, 42·44 in Mannar, and 42·03 in Mullaittivu to 17·01 in Anuradhapura, 15·89 in Badulla, 15·37 in Gampola, 14·60 in Nawalapitiya, 13·28 in Nuwara Eliya, and 9·56 in "Hatton and Dikoya."

6. The town of Colombo, where the births registered numbered 341—of which 168 were of males and 173 of females—records a birth-rate of 22·33 per mille per annum as against 20·56 in the preceding month. The highest birth-rate was in Slavo Island (28·55) and the lowest in Pettah (1·56). In the other wards the birth-rate ranged from 21·61 in Maradana exclusive of hospitals to 5·17 in Fort and Galle Face.

Deaths.

7. The number of deaths registered in the 31 towns during the month was 1,482—of which 757 were of males and 725 of females—and correspond to an annual death-rate of 31·23 per mille, as against 32·58 during the previous month. 494 of the total deaths or one-third occurred in hospitals (with 7 deaths in jails), and exaggerated the normal mortality of the towns.

8. Corrected death-rates as well as crude death-rates are shown. By a corrected rate is meant the rate calculated for the population of each town on the basis that its age- and sex-constitution is the same as for the Island, and also excluding from the total deaths those of estate coolies and other persons who are not town residents. The corrected rate should thus furnish a more satisfactory test of the comparative health of the towns than the crude rate. For the wards of the city of Colombo only crude death-rates are available.

9. In the town of Badulla there were no deaths of residents, the 32 deaths which occurred there being of non-residents. In the other towns the death-rate ranged from 4·78 in Kegalla, 16·14 in Weligama, 16·17 in Hambantota, 20·47 in Galle, 20·89 in Nawalapitiya, and 21·26 in Nuwara Eliya to 46·54 in Kurunegala, 47·27 in Trincomalee, 53·23 in Anuradhapura, 73·62 in Mullaittivu, and 76·42 in Puttalam.

10. In the town of Colombo the deaths registered numbered 534—of which 279 were of males and 255 of females—corresponding to an annual corrected death-rate of 35·35 per 1,000 per annum as against 39·29 during the preceding month. Omitting the Fort and Galle Face Ward and the Pettah Ward, which contain a population mainly adult male and floating, St. Sebastian shows this month the lowest crude death-rate (12·33) and Maradana exclusive of hospitals the highest rate (30·96). In the other wards the death-rate ranged from 21·39 in St. Paul's to 30·66 in New Bazaar.

Infantile Mortality.

11. The infantile mortality for the 31 towns in the month was equal to a rate of 275 per 1,000 births registered. In the towns having an estimated population of 5,000 or more the mortality ranged from 444 each in Nuwara Eliya and Badulla, 437 in Puttalam, 409 in Kurunegala, 367 in Trincomalee, and 362 in Kandy to 180 in Jaffna, 158 in Galle, 157 in Negombo, and 144 in Moratuwa.

12. The infantile mortality in the City of Colombo was 340 per 1,000 births registered. The infantile mortality given for each ward in Table III. enables a comparison to be made of the health of the various wards. The lowest mortality was observed in Kotahena (254 per 1,000) and the highest mortality was in St. Paul's and New Bazaar (424 and 400 respectively) followed by Kollupitiya (380).

Causes of Death.

13. Table II. in the Appendix gives for each town and race the principal causes of deaths registered during the month, and shows the infantile mortality separately from the other mortality.

14. Table IV. gives similar information for each ward and race of the Colombo Municipality.

15. *Infants*.—Out of the 1,482 deaths from all causes in the 31 towns, 303 or a little over one-fifth were among infants under one year. Of these, the chief causes were 88 Convulsions (of which 30 in Colombo, 9 in Trincomalee, 8 in Galle, 6 in Negombo, 5 in Batticaloa, 4 in Weligama, and 3 in Panadura), 79 Debility (of which 33 in Colombo, 6 each in Jaffna and Puttalam, 5 in Kurunegala, 4 in Batticaloa, and 3 each in Matale, Mullaitivu, and Galle), 33 Premature Birth (of which 8 in Colombo, 6 each in Kalutara and Kandy, and 5 in Moratuwa), 27 Pneumonia (of which 11 in Colombo, 8 in Kandy, and 4 in Moratuwa), 19 Tetanus (of which 8 in Jaffna and 7 in Colombo), 15 Bronchitis (of which 7 in Colombo, and 2 each in Jaffna and Nuwara Eliya), and 14 Diarrhoea (of which 9 in Colombo and 2 in Kandy).

16. In the town of Colombo Debility accounted for the highest mortality, and the cases were distributed as follows:—13 in Maradana hospitals, 7 in Slave Island, 5 in New Bazaar, 2 each in St. Paul's, Maradana exclusive of hospitals, and Kollupitiya, and 1 each in St. Sebastian and Kotahena. The next highest mortality (30) was from Convulsions (9 in Maradana exclusive of hospitals, 5 each in Kotahena and Slave Island, 4 each in St. Paul's and New Bazaar, and 3 in Kollupitiya), followed by Pneumonia 11 (5 in Kotahena, 3 in Maradana exclusive of hospitals, and 1 each in St. Paul's, Slave Island, and Kollupitiya), Diarrhoea 9 (3 in Maradana hospitals and 1 each in St. Paul's, Kotahena, New Bazaar, Maradana exclusive of hospitals, Slave Island, and Kollupitiya), Premature Birth 8 (4 in Maradana hospitals, 3 in Maradana exclusive of hospitals, and 1 in Kotahena), Tetanus 7 (3 each in St. Paul's and New Bazaar and 1 in St. Sebastian), and Bronchitis 7 (2 each in St. Sebastian and Kotahena, and 1 each in St. Paul's, New Bazaar, and Slave Island).

17. *General Mortality. (One Year and over)*.—Out of the 1,179 deaths of persons one year and over in age there were 260 due to Diarrhoea and Dysentery, of which 48 were in Colombo, 18 each in Kandy and "Hatton and Dikoya," 15 each in Matale and Ratnapura, 13 in Negombo, 12 each in Galle and Badulla, 11 each in Kurunegala and Kegalla, and 10 each in Jaffna and Galle; 144 due to Pneumonia, of which 59 were in Colombo, 11 in Moratuwa, 9 in Trincomalee, 8 in Kurunegala, 7 in Kandy, and 6 each in Kalutara and Galle; 93 to Phthisis, of which 60 were in Colombo, 8 in Galle, and 4 each in Kandy and Jaffna; 66 to Enteric Fever, of which 52 were in Colombo, 4 in Moratuwa, and 2 in Matale; 53 to Doehmius Duodenalis, of which 44 were among Tamils, almost all of whom were coolies; 42 to Malarial Cachexia, of which 7 were in Matale, 6 in Ratnapura, 5 each in Kurunegala and Puttalam, and 3 each in Jaffna, Mullaitivu, Galle, and Matara; 35 to Remittent Fever, of which 7 were in Jaffna, 6 in Batticaloa, and 3 each in Colombo, Mullaitivu, and Galle; 21 to Bronchitis, of which 6 were in Colombo, 4 in Kalutara, 2 each in Jaffna, Galle, Anuradhapura, and Badulla; 18 to Anæmia, of which 7 were in Negombo, 3 in Colombo, and 2 each in Kandy and Jaffna; 16 to Bright's Disease and Nephritis, of which 6 were in Colombo, 3 in Moratuwa, and 2 each in Gampola and Galle; and 6 to Simple Fever, of which 3 in Colombo, 2 in Kandy, and 1 in Negombo. There was one case of Smallpox in Gallo and 1 of Beri-Beri in the General Hospital, Maradana, of a Chinese fireman belonging to ss. "Ocean Monarch."

18. In the town of Colombo the highest mortality was from Phthisis (60), of which 27 were in Maradana hospitals, 11 in Maradana exclusive of hospitals, 8 in Kotahena, 4 each in New Bazaar and Kollupitiya, and 3 each in St. Paul's and Slave Island, followed by Pneumonia (59), of which 21 were in Kotahena, 15 in Maradana hospitals, 7 in Maradana exclusive of hospitals, 5 in Slave Island, 4 in New Bazaar, 2 each in Pettah, St. Paul's, and Kollupitiya, and 1 in St. Sebastian; and Enteric Fever (52), of which as many as 17 occurred in Maradana hospitals, 10 in Kollupitiya, 9 in Maradana exclusive of hospitals (including the 2 deaths that occurred in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Kanatta, whither the patients were removed), 7 in New Bazaar, 5 in Slave Island (of which 1 occurred in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Kanatta), 2 in St. Paul's, and 1 each in St. Sebastian and Kotahena.

19. The other chief causes of deaths were Diarrhoea 28 (12 in Maradana hospitals, 6 in Maradana exclusive of hospitals, 5 in Kollupitiya); Dysentery 20 (13 in Maradana hospitals, 4 in St. Paul's, and 2 in Kollupitiya); Bronchitis 6 (3 in Maradana exclusive of hospitals, 2 in New Bazaar, and 1 in Slave Island); and Bright's Disease and Nephritis 6 (5 in Maradana hospitals and 1 in New Bazaar). There were no deaths registered as due to Cholera during the month in the town of Colombo, the last case having occurred on July 16 last.

20. *Smallpox*.—In the month under review 5 deaths were registered in the town of Colombo as due to smallpox, 4 of which occurred in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Kanatta, and the other at Slave Island. Of the deaths in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, 2 were of patients from New Bazaar, 1 from Maradana, and the other from Slave Island. In all the infection was traced to Slave Island, where the epidemic broke out in the beginning of last month. The origin of the epidemic has not yet been traced, but is believed to be due to infection from an imported case. Altogether, in this month and the last, there have been 10 deaths registered from this cause.

21. *Percentage of principal causes of death at all ages*.—Of the total number of deaths at all ages in the towns, Diarrhoea and Dysentery accounted for more than 18 per cent., Bronchitis and Pneumonia nearly 14 per cent., Debility, various kinds of fever, and Infantile Convulsions each more than 7 per cent., and Phthisis more than 6 per cent.

22. Of the total number of deaths at all ages in the city of Colombo, Bronchitis and Pneumonia accounted for more than 15 per cent., Phthisis more than 11 per cent., various kinds of fever and Diarrhoea and Dysentery each nearly 11 per cent., and Infantile Convulsions more than 6 per cent.

Table I.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during August, 1908, and their Proportion per 1,000 of the Population per Annum, and the Deaths of Children under One Year and their Proportion per 1,000 Registered Births, and the Mean Temperature and Rainfall observed in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31-36 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1895.

Towns.	Population (inclusive of the Military at the Census of 1901.)	Population estimated to the 1st of August by Inter-censal Increase.	Total Births registered.		Focal Deaths of Hospitals and Jails.		Deaths registered in Hospitals and Jails.	Total Deaths, excluding Deaths of Estates Coolies and non-residents.	Per Mille per Annum.			Deaths of Children under One Year.	Deaths of Children under One Year of Age to 1,000 Births registered.†	Mean Temperature.	Rainfall in Inches‡		
			Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.			Females.	Persons.	Birth-rate.					Crude Death-rate.	Corrected Death-rate.*
All 31 Towns	423,109	476,265	543	560	1,103	757	725	1,482	501§	1,176	27.92	29.56	31.23	303	275		
Western Province.																	
Colombo	155,869	180,262	108	173	341	279	255	534	161	485	22.33	31.76	35.35	116	340	2.14	
Negombo	19,810	20,495	32	38	70	28	19	47	8	41	40.32	23.62	24.07	11	157	0.00	
Moratuwa	29,000	34,139	60	44	104	38	44	82	—	82	35.96	28.35	26.77	15	144	—	
Kalutara	11,500	11,990	14	27	41	15	25	40	10	40	40.37	39.38	38.37	8	195	3.20	
Panadura	3,845	4,275	6	7	13	10	15	25	11	14	35.90	38.66	41.06	5	385	—	
Central Province.																	
Kandy	26,511	29,437	24	34	58	46	34	80	40	55	23.26	22.05	23.12	21	362	2.49	
Gampola	3,791	4,608	5	1	6	6	12	18	11	12	15.37	30.74	32.52	3	500	2.94	
Navalapiya	3,454	4,043	2	3	5	10	7	17	11	6	14.60	17.52	20.89	2	400	—	
Hatton and Dikoya	2,858	3,795	—	3	3	11	14	25	21	4	9.56	12.74	—	3	—	—	
Matale	4,951	5,589	8	9	17	21	28	49	37	18	35.91	38.02	43.33	5	294	9.81	
Nuwara Eliya	5,072	7,997	3	6	9	10	5	15	8	11	13.28	16.23	21.26	4	444	Not recd.	
Northern Province.																	
Jaffna	33,879	35,295	67	61	128	44	37	81	8	76	42.81	25.42	26.78	23	180	0.57	
Mannar	3,338	3,338	3	9	12	2	6	8	1	8	42.44	28.29	32.30	2	167	0.00	
Mullaithivu	1,308	1,404	2	3	5	7	4	11	3	8	42.03	67.25	73.62	3	600	0.00	
Vavuniya	566	595	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	19.85	23.87	23.87	—	—	Not recd.
Southern Province.																	
Galle	37,165	40,026	52	30	82	39	39	78	17	71	24.18	20.94	20.47	13	158	5.02	
Matara	11,848	13,242	12	15	27	16	18	34	8	32	24.07	23.52	27.62	6	222	5.69	
Weligama	7,430	9,903	6	12	18	6	9	15	—	15	21.46	17.88	16.14	6	333	—	
Hambantota	2,843	3,056	6	7	13	—	4	4	—	4	50.22	15.45	16.17	1	77	—	
Tangalla	2,333	2,629	4	1	5	9	5	14	6	8	22.45	35.92	37.95	2	400	1.01	
Eastern Province.																	
Batticaloa	9,969	10,433	9	22	31	20	12	32	3	29	35.08	32.81	33.84	11	355	0.81	
Trincomalee	11,887	11,295	15	15	30	19	20	39	—	39	31.35	40.76	47.27	11	367	4.75	
North-Western Province.																	
Kurunegala	6,483	8,068	9	13	22	30	23	53	36	27	32.19	39.51	46.54	9	409	0.65	
Puttalam	5,115	5,219	9	7	16	16	21	37	9	33	36.19	74.64	76.42	7	437	0.00	
Kalpitiya	1,487	1,631	5	1	6	4	2	6	—	6	43.42	43.42	—	2	333	—	
Chilaw	4,168	4,514	6	5	11	10	5	15	1	15	28.76	39.22	39.96	4	364	0.00	
North-Central Province.																	
Anuradhapura	3,672	4,856	4	3	7	10	12	22	8	19	17.01	46.19	53.23	2	286	0.04	
Province of Uva.																	
Badulla	5,924	6,686	6	3	9	16	16	32	23	—	15.89	—	—	4	444	0.92	
Lunugala	—	416**	—	1	1	10	7	17	16	1	28.38	28.38	—	—	—	—	
Province of Sabaragamuwa.																	
Ratnapura	4,084	4,548	5	6	11	21	18	39	33	15	28.55	38.04	40.30	4	364	80.2	
Kegalla	2,340	2,571	1	1	2	4	8	12	11	1	9.18	4.59	4.78	—	—	6.63	

* By "corrected rate" is here meant the rate calculated for the population of each town on the basis that its age- and sex-constitution is the same as for the whole Island, and at excluding the deaths of estate coolies and other non-residents.
 † In each of these columns blanks appear against towns which do not possess observatories or rain gauges.
 ‡ Includes 9 deaths of Colombo town residents (8 adults and a child of three years), which occurred in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Kanatta (outside the town), and were registered by the population of "Hatton and Dikoya," Kalpitiya, and Lunugala town at the Census of 1901 not being available by age- and sex-constitution, their corrected death-rates cannot be calculated. The death-rate given for "All Towns" is, therefore, independent of these three towns, but is scarcely affected by their rates owing to the smallness of their population.
 § The population of Mannar and Trincomalee towns at the Census of 1891 not being available, no estimate can be made of the rate of growth 1891-1900 or 1901-1908. Their population estimated for 1908 is the Census population of 1901, less (in the case of Trincomalee) the Military, who are no longer stationed there.
 ** The population of Lunugala town (as now constituted) was not enumerated at the Census of 1901. The figure given is of the population estimated at the beginning of October, 1907.

Table II.—Causes of Deaths registered during August, 1908, in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31-36 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1895.

Causes of Deaths.	All 31 Towns.				Western Province.				Central Province.				Northern Province.				Southern Province.				Eastern Province.				North-Western Province.				North-Central Province.		Province of Sabaragamuwa.		Deaths among all Races.						
	Colombo.	Negombo.	Moratuwa.	Kalutara.	Panadura.	Kandy.	Gampola.	Navalapitiya.	Hatton and Dikoya.	Matale.	Nuwara Eliya.	Jaffna.	Mannar.	Mullaitivu.	Vavuniya.	Callo.	Matale.	Weligama.	Hambantota.	Yangalla.	Batticaloa.	Trincomalee.	Kurunegala.	Puttalam.	Kalpitiya.	Chilaw.	Anuradhapura.	Badulla.	Lunugala.	Ratnapura.	Kogalla.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.	
All Causes	47	82	40	25	80	18	17	25	49	15	81	11	8	11	78	34	15	4	14	32	39	53	37	6	15	22	32	17	39	12	13	43	694	516	178	21	17		
I.—Infantile Mortality	116	15	8	5	21	3	2	3	5	4	23	3	1	1	13	6	6	1	2	11	11	9	7	2	4	2	4	4	1	8	160	79	46	7	2				
A.—One Week and under.	8	5	1	1	5	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	2	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	3	21	5	4	1	1			
1. Prematurity	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
2. Debility	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
3. Convulsions	29	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
4. Diarrhoea	14	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
5. Tetanus	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6. Bronchitis	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
7. Pneumonia	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
8. Other causes	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1. Prematurity	22	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2. Debility	59	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3. Convulsions	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
4. Diarrhoea	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
5. Tetanus	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6. Bronchitis	27	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
7. Pneumonia	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
8. Other causes	179	418	38	67	32	20	59	15	22	44	11	58	6	8	65	28	9	3	12	21	28	44	30	4	11	20	28	17	35	12	12	35	534	437	132	14	15		
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and over)	418	38	67	32	20	59	15	22	44	11	58	6	8	65	28	9	3	12	21	28	44	30	4	11	20	28	17	35	12	12	35	534	437	132	14	15			
1. Smallpox	6	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
2. Chickenpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Influenza	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Simple Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* This includes 9 deaths of town residents, which occurred in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Kanatta, vide Table IV. footnote (*).
 † Here are included 2 deaths from Inanition or Starvation (1 each in Colombo and Puttalam), 1 from injury at birth in Panadura, 1 from Haematemesis in Gampola, 1 from Erysipelas in Jaffna.
 ‡ This includes, besides the 10 deaths described in Table IV. footnote (†), 2 deaths from Thrush in Negombo, 2 from Abscess (1 each in Matale and Badulla), 1 from Whooping Cough in Moratuwa, 1 each from Enteritis and Atelectasis in Kandy, 1 each from Asthma, Nephritis, Congenital Syphilis, and Dropsy in Jaffna, and 1 each from Dysentery and Remittent Fever in Batticaloa.

Table III.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during the Month of August, 1908, and their Proportion per 1,000 of the Population, and the Deaths of Children under One Year and their Proportion per 1,000 Registered Births, in each Ward of the Colombo Municipality.

Wards.	Population (inclusive of the Military) at the Census of 1901.	Population estimated to the middle of 1908 by Inter-censal Increase.	Total Births registered.			Total Deaths including Deaths in Hospitals and Jails.			Deaths registered in Hospitals and Jails.	Total Deaths excluding Deaths of Estates of Coolies and Non-residents.	Per Mille per Annum.			Deaths of Children under One Year.	Deaths of Children under One Year of Age to 1,000 Births registered.†
			Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.			Birth-rate.	Crude Death-rate.	Corrected Death-rate.*		
Colombo Town	155,369	180,262	168	173	341	279	255	534	161‡	485	22.33	31.76	35.35	116	340
Fort and Galle Face	2,235	2,285§	1	—	1	2	—	2	—	2	5.17	10.33	—	—	—
Pettah	7,561	7,561§	—	1	1	5	1	6	—	6	1.56	9.37	—	—	—
St. Sebastian	9,349	10,536	3	10	13	8	3	11	1	11	14.57	12.33	—	4	308
St. Paul's	20,260	23,740	13	20	33	15	28	43	—	43	16.41	21.39	—	14	424
Kotahena	33,355	37,987	35	32	67	26	46	72	—	72	20.82	22.38	—	17	254
New Bazaar	17,470	20,027	15	20	35	32	20	52	2	52	20.63	30.66	—	14	400
Maradana Hospitals	30,381	36,606	27	28	55	102	50	152	2	103	—	—	—	20	—
Maradana (exclusive of Hospitals)	16,927	19,804	37	30	67	48	48	96	4	96	21.61	30.96	—	24	358.
Slave Island	18,281	22,896	27	21	48	17	32	49	2	49	28.55	29.14	—	15	312
Kollupitiya	18,281	22,896	30	11	21	24	27	51	—	51	10.83	26.30	—	8	380

* For explanation of "corrected death-rate" vide Table I. footnote marked (*). The population of the several wards of the town at the Census of 1901 not being available by age and sex-constitution, their corrected death-rates cannot be calculated.
† Infantile death-rates have been omitted where the number of births is less than five.
‡ Includes nine deaths of town residents, which occurred in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Kanatta, and were registered by an extra-urban Registrar.
§ The population of these two wards being a fluctuating one, their estimated population cannot be calculated. Hence the Census figures are retained.

Table IV.—Causes of Deaths registered during the Month of August, 1908, in each Ward and Race of the Colombo Municipality.

Causes of Deaths.	Ward.										Deaths among all Races.						
	Fort and Galle Race.	Pettah.	St. Sebastian.	St. Paul's.	Kotahena.	New Bazaar.	Maradana Hospitals.	Maradana (exclusive of Hospitals).	Slave Island.	Kollupitiya.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamil.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.
All Causes	2	6	11	43	72	52	152	96	49	51	11	26	277	110	85	13	12
I.—Infantile Mortality																	
<i>A.—One Week and under.</i>																	
1. Prematurity																	
2. Debility																	
3. Convulsions																	
4. Diarrhoea																	
5. Tetanus																	
6. Bronchitis																	
7. Pneumonia																	
8. Other Causes																	
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and over)																	
1. Smallpox																	
2. Chickenpox																	
3. Measles																	
4. Influenza																	

* Includes nine deaths of town residents, which occurred in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Kanatta (outside the town), and were registered by an extra-urban Registrar, viz., 4 deaths from Smallpox (of Sinhalese, 2 from New Bazaar and 1 each from Slave Island and Maradana exclusive of Hospitals); 3 from Enteric Fever (2 Sinhalese from Maradana and a Malay from Slave Island); 1 from Diarrhoea (of a Sinhalese from New Bazaar); and 1 from Measles (of a Tamil from St. Sebastian).

† This is a death from Inanition of a Sinhalese in Kotahena.

‡ Two deaths from Worms (in St. Paul's and Maradana); 2 from Mal-nutrition (in Maradana and Kollupitiya); and 1 each from Tuberculosis, Inanition, Syphilis, and Stomatitis (in St. Paul's, Kotahena, and Maradana respectively).

Table IV.—Causes of Deaths registered during the Month of August, 1908, in each Ward and Race of the Colombo Municipality—*contd.*

Causes of Death.	Wards.										Deaths among all Races.							
	Fort and Galle Face.	Petrah.	St. Sebastian.	St. Paul's.	Kotahena.	New Bazaar.	Maradana Hospitals.	Maradana (exclusive of Hospitals).	Slave Island.	Kollupitiya.	Europeans.	Burgbers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.	
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and over)— <i>contd.</i>	Colombo Town.																	
5. Simple Fever	3						1		2		2	1	3	4	6	2		
6. Enteric Fever	52			2	1	7	17		5	10	1		34	4				
7. Remittent Fever	3						1											
8. Ague																		
9. Malarial Cachexia																		
10. Cholera	28			4	3	1	12	6	1	5	1	2	17	5	4			
11. Diarrhœa	20				1		13			3			11	6	2			
12. Dysentery	7						7						3	4				
13. Doehmius Duodenalis	2			1			27		3	4			28	20	8	1	1	
14. Cancer	60			3	8	1			3	1			4	1	1	2	1	
15. Phthisis	8			1									1	1	1			
16. Other Tubercular Diseases	3												3	3	2			
17. Anæmia	2												4	3	1			
18. Diabetes Mellitus	6			1									3	3	1			
19. Convulsions	9			1	2	1	2		2	2	1		4	3	2			
20. Tetanus	6			3									1	1	2			
21. Bronchitis	59			2	21	4	15	7	1	2	1	4	27	12	12	1	1	3
22. Pneumonia	52			1			5		5		1		1	1				
23. Other Diseases of Respiratory System	6												2					
24. Bright's Disease and Nephritis																		
25. Puerperal Convulsions																		
26. Puerperal Fever	2																	
27. Miscarriage																		
28. Other and undefined Accidents of Child-birth	7			3		1							2	2	3			
29. Starvation																		
30. Accidents or Negligence	8				1		4		1		1		4	3				
31. Homicide	1																	
32. Suicide	3																	
33. Execution																		
34. All other Causes	*115	3	2	9	18	11	25	24	9	14	2	10	54	23	20	4	2	

* Here are included 25 deaths from Old Age, 15 from Worms, 10 from Paralysis, 7 from Enteritis, 6 from Apoplexy, 5 each Cirrhosis of Liver and Debility, and 3 from General Dropsy.